

19 August 1955

TO: Chiefs, Research, Geographic, and Coordination Areas
FROM: Chief, ^{St/I}~~Requirements and Control Staff~~, ORR
SUBJECT: Request for Targets on the USSR

1. The Inter-Agency Priorities Committee (IPC) of the IAC has given CIA the opportunity to review and revise priority targets on the USSR.

2. It is therefore requested that your Area submit priority targets on the USSR for covert collection. Only the most critical targets will be placed on an IPC list. No targets should be submitted on which information could possibly be obtained through overt sources.

3. In the presentation of your Area's targets, it is suggested that they be stated in specific terms, where possible (see Example No. 1 below). It may be, however, that you have targets that are of such a general nature as to render the above statement inapplicable. The latter may be presented as is suggested in Example No. 2.

4. The location of the target, with all details possible, should be given. In a case where a target is not necessarily limited as to location (Example No. 2), the most probable location and alternate locations should be indicated.

5. For each target a statement of justification is essential. In addition, to demonstrate the critical nature of the target, it must be shown that the target has a direct relationship with "Priority National Intelligence Objectives" as expressed in DCID 4/4, 14 December 1954.

6. At this time, only targets are desired, not requirements.

7. It is requested that the preparation of these targets be given the most careful consideration, and that they be submitted to this Office (St/I/R, Room 1217 M Building, attention: [REDACTED]) by 15 September 1955.

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8. It is suggested that your targets be presented in the form as indicated by the following examples:

Example No. 1

TARGET	LOCATION	JUSTIFICATION
Design Bureau #2	Moscow	Plans and designs guided missiles and control and guidance systems. Information on the activities here will permit a reliable estimate of Soviet guided missile capabilities.

Example No. 2

Copies of Current Gosplan Publications	Moscow State Planning Commission (Gosplan). Kiev, Gor'kiy, Kazan', or other Union Republic capitals are alternate sources of information needed.	The Gosplan publications will have a significant place in determining the motivation, character, and magnitude of current economic development programs, their implementation, and their effect upon the economic, political and military strength of the Soviet Bloc.
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